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1. DURING MY FAREWELL CALL, I QUESTIONED SADOU DAOUDOU, MINISTER OF STATE FOR ARMED FORCES, ON STATUS GURC CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE OF LOCKHEED C-130 TRANSPORT PLANES.

2. DAOUDOU STATED THAT THREE TRANSPORT PLANES WERE UNDER CONSIDERATION: FOKKER, A HAWKER-SIDDELEY, AND THE LOCKHEED C-130. THE FIRST TWO WERE VERY SIMILAR IN SIZE AND CONSIDERABLY SMALLER THAN C-130. HE STATED THAT PRESIDENCY TO WHICH MINISTRY HAD SUBMITTED ITS REPORT ON THREE AIRCRAFT HAD ASKED FOR SUPPLEMENTAL DATA SEVERAL DAYS AGO WHICH HAD NOW BEEN SUPPLIED. THE DECISION NOW LIES IN THE HANDS OF THE PRESIDENCY. HE WAS NON-COMMITTAL ON OUTCOME.

3. I OBSERVED, AS I HAVE ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, THAT COMBINED CIVILIAN MILITARY NEEDS WOULD, I FELT SURE, MAKE THE C-130 VERY INTERESTING PURCHASE. DAOUDOU CONFIRMED THAT MAIN ISSUE WAS EXPECTED UTILIZATION OF AIRCRAFT. FROM INDIRECT COMMENTS

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OF FRENCH MILITARY ADVISOR SEVERAL DAYS AGO, I GAINED IMPRESSION

THAT MILITARY FAVORED THE FOKKER TRANSPORT AS ITS SIZE WAS
MORE RELATED TO MILITARY TRANSPORT NEEDS.

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